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Lafayette, Louisiana
July 15, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B
Crooked Bayou Field
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing after legal notice regarding the following matters relating to the Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, in Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To recognize that Office of Conservation Order No. 1023-A-1, effective January 8, 2002, established rules and regulations and created a single drilling and production unit for the Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, in Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, said unit designated MID MIO RB SUA.
2. To dissolve the MID MIO RB SUA previously created by the above referenced Order, which reservoir is economically depleted of hydrocarbons.
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, in the Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1023-A-1, effective January 8, 2002.

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The applicant desires to utilize its W. G. Smith, et al No. 2 Well for saltwater disposal purposes and to that end is prepared to establish that said well in the MID MIO RB SUA, in Crooked Bayou Field, is no longer capable of producing hydrocarbons in commercial quantities and that the reservoir in which it is completed is economically depleted of hydrocarbons.

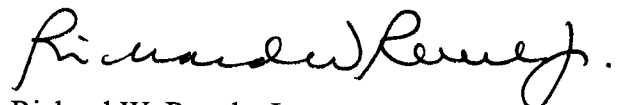
Pertinent data may be obtained AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY from Louis Gilbert at Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, Telephone Number (504) 834-8112.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given; however, no request for the conference was received. Therefore, the conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2002, WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat showing the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the notice dated June 25, 2002) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or the list of parties will be furnished by the undersigned to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/df
Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

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McCARTER
Garden

MIDD MIO RB SU A
W.G Smith No. 2 ST
213.05 Acres

PERM
BARRIER

AMERADA HESS
W.G. Smith

RICHARDSON & BASS
Cortesi, SL 335

12,124' 33

S.L. 16458

2 ST
Bayou

AMERADA HESS
W.G. Smith

2 OH

O'BRIAN
12 St.-Smith

8,662' 3/5' 0.933'

W.G. Smith, Etal

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AMERADA HESS
Delacroix

1PBHU

Delacroix Corporation

W/L

Rat Bayou

T Lake

16 Cuatro

S Caballo

ANSON
Delacroix

10,500'

SONAT
Delacroix

10,498'

- Unit Well

- Unit To Be Dissolved

Per Order No. 1023-A-1
Effective 1/8/02

HESS

EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No. 02-

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
U.S. ONSHORE EXPLORATION

CROOKED BAYOU FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA
Unit Dissolution Plat

Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B

Date: 1/02

0' 1000' 2000' 3000'